CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA
APRIL 5, 2022 - CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

INVOCATION
Pastor Mark Wright of Heritage Church gave the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
Councilmember Waterfield led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CALL TO ORDER
Mayor Patino called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL:
Councilmember Cordero, Councilmember Escobedo, Councilmember Waterfield, and Mayor Patino

Absent: Councilmember Soto

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:
City Manager Jason Stilwell, City Attorney Thomas Watson, Interim Director of Public Works Brett Fulgoni, Assistant City Manager Andrew Hackleman, Interim Library Director Dawn Jackson, Chief Human Resources Officer Linda Le, Chief Information Officer Jeffrey Marecic, Director of Community Development Chuen Ng, Director of Recreation & Parks Alex Posada, Chief of Police Marc Schneider, Director of Utilities Shad Springer, Fire Chief Todd Tuggle, Chief Deputy City Clerk Rhonda White, and Deputy City Clerk Beth Cleary

1 PROCLAMATIONS

A. **HOMETOWN HEROES PROGRAM.** The City Council received a presentation of the Summer 2022 Class of Honorees for the Hometown Heroes Program. The Honorees were: Virgie Alarcon (Essential Worker-Education); Daniel Anaya (Army); Joshua Bachrach (Army); Donna Baker (Essential Worker-Education); Fred Balderama, Jr. (Marine Corps); Steve Blaylock (Navy); John Brenneman (Army); Julie Budzisz (Essential Worker-Social Services); Jack Clark (Army); Joel David Clark (Army); Kimberly Cloud (Army); Charlie Corral (Army); Benjamin Curaza (Army); Melvin Drake (Air Force/National Guard/Marine Corps); Ronald Edar (Marine Corps); Rodolfo Elias (Army); Raiden Grady (Navy); Amy Guerra (Essential Worker-Education); Luis Guerra (Essential Worker-Education); Andy Hernandez (Navy); Don Kurtze (Army); Atilano Lariba (Army); Trestina Leornas-Hurtado (Essential Worker-Education); David Llamas (Army); Cristina Miranda (Navy); Raymond Nieto (Army); Steve Orozco (Police Officer); Gabriel Ponce (Essential Worker-Education); Beatrice Real (Army); Francisco Rivera (Army); Jacob Finley Siratt (Army); Michael Tolan (Navy); Shawn Torres (Marine Corps); and Shawn Tracht (Essential Worker - Education).

B. Mayor Patino presented a Proclamation recognizing the week of April 3-9, 2022, as National Library Week. The Proclamation was accepted by Interim Library Director, Dawn Jackson.

C. Councilmember Waterfield presented a Proclamation recognizing the week of April 9-15, 2022, as Week of the Young Child. The Proclamation was accepted by Educator Robin Palmerston.

D. Councilmember Escobedo presented a Proclamation recognizing the week of April 11-15, 2022, as National Community Development Week. The Proclamation was accepted by Community Programs Manager Rosie Rojo.

E. Councilmember Cordero presented a Proclamation recognizing the month of April 2022, as National Sexual Assault Awareness Month. The Proclamation was accepted by Alison Wales, Associate Director of the North County Rape Crisis and Child Protective Services Center.

F. Councilmember Waterfield presented a Proclamation recognizing April 2022, as Kite Month. The Proclamation was accepted by Donna Beal of the Santa Maria Valley Discovery Museum.

2 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
Gary Hall, Eileen Armijo, and Peggy Brierton spoke in favor of a mobile home rent control stabilization ordinance.

Ignacio Sanchez, Dorothy Mogavero, and Eddie Taylor spoke in support of United Way and its programs. Eddie Taylor gave a brief update on the Home for Good Program.

3 CONSENT CALENDAR
Consent Calendar Items 3A-3I (except 3E) were approved as presented, including the adoption of Resolution Nos. 2022-26, 2022-27, 2022-28, 2022-29 and Ordinance No. 2022-02.

Item 3E (Second reading of Ordinance No. 2022-02 regarding Electoral Districts) was pulled for correction. City Attorney Watson announced that a correction was needed to Section 7 of the Ordinance

indicating that the first sentence of the paragraph should read "This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its adoption pursuant to Government Code Section 36937."

The recorded vote appears with each item below.

A. Waive the reading in full of all Ordinances and Resolutions. Ordinances on the Consent Agenda will be adopted by the same vote cast at the first meeting, unless City Council indicates otherwise.

Action: Readings waived.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Escobedo. Motion carried. Absent: Councilmember Soto. 4-0.

B. Approve the Minutes of the regular City Council meeting of March 15, 2022.

Action: Minutes approved as presented.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Escobedo. Motion carried. Absent: Councilmember Soto. 4-0.

C. Adopt a Resolution confirming the City Council priorities for 2022-2024 and approving minutes from the February 11, 2022, Goal-Setting Workshop.

Action: Goal-setting workshop minutes from February 11, 2022, approved as presented.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Escobedo. Motion carried. Adopted as Resolution No. 2022-26. Absent: Councilmember Soto. 4-0.

D. Adopt a Resolution extending the City's ability to conduct meetings of the City Council and City Boards, Commissions, and Committees partially or completely remotely by using a combination of in-person/virtual (hybrid) platforms as authorized by Government Code §54953(e)(1)(A) to promote social distancing, prioritize the Public's Health and Wellbeing under Santa Barbara County Health Officer Orders, and provide flexibility as needed to facilitate continuity of government.

Action: Continuation of hybrid meetings approved.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Escobedo. Motion carried. Adopted as Resolution No. 2022-27. Absent: Councilmember Soto. 4-0.

E. Conduct the second reading, and adopt Ordinance No. 2022-02 amending Sections 2-25.04 and 2-25.05 of Chapter 2-25 of the Santa Maria Municipal Code to adopt a City Council Electoral Districts Map based on results of the 2020 census.

Action: Electoral Districts Map based on the 2020 Census adopted as amended.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Escobedo. Motion carried. Adopted Ordinance No. 2022-02 as amended. Noes: Councilmember Soto (per Item 3.A. above) Absent: Councilmember Soto. 4-1.

F. Payment of Warrants. Ordered ratified subject to having been certified as being in conformity with the budget and having been approved for payment by the Director of Finance.

Action: Warrants ratified.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Escobedo. Motion carried. Absent: Councilmember Soto. 4-0.

G. Payment of Payroll. Ordered ratified subject to having been certified by the proper Department Directors, as shown on records on file in the Department of Finance, and having been approved for payment by the Director of Finance.

Action: Payroll ratified.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Escobedo. Motion carried. Absent: Councilmember Soto. 4-0.

H. Adopt a Resolution approving the receipt of grant funds from the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), Clean California Local Grant Program for the Battles Road Green Corridor Rehabilitation and Beautification Project.

Action: Receipt of grant funds from Caltrans approved for Battles Road Green Corridor Project.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Escobedo. Motion carried. Adopted as Resolution No. 2022-28. Absent: Councilmember Soto. 4-0.

I. Adopt a Resolution approving a water purchase agreement with the Central Coast Water Authority.

Action: Water purchase agreement with CCWA approved.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Escobedo. Motion carried. Adopted as Resolution No. 2022-29. Absent: Councilmember Soto. 4-0.

4 PUBLIC HEARING

A. **BLOCK GRANTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE'S (BGAC) RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2022-23 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM DRAFTED ACTION PLAN.** The City Council considered the Block Grants Advisory Committee's recommendations for the allocation of Fiscal Year 2022-23 Community Development Block Grant Program funds; consider allocating $37,500 to public service programs; and consider staff's recommendation for the Capital funds. Community Programs Manager Rojo gave a presentation as detailed in the Council Agenda Report.

Public input
Mayor Patino opened the public hearing at 7:07 p.m.

Written comment was received from Barry Stotts, Ericka Dixon, Paige Masson, Kathryn Voice, Sara Macdonald, Karen Rice, Cliff Solomon, Sarah Krietzer-Lillard, Rev. Tim Burnette, and Lawanda Lyons-Pruitt asking that funding be considered for the Independent Living Resource Center. Written comment was also received from Kristin Flickinger asking for funding for the Independent Living Resource Center and Fighting Back Santa Maria Valley.

Edwin Weaver spoke in support of funding for Fighting Back Santa Maria Valley.

Steven DeLira spoke in support of funding for Family Service Agency.

Alexa Martin, Jacob Lesner-Buxton, Nicole Janikowski, Brandon Smith, Jaydon Gaines, Chelsea Crabill, and Sarah Lillard spoke in favor of funding the Independent Living Resource Center.

Mayor Patino closed the public hearing at 7:31 p.m.

Action: The Block Grants Advisory Committee's recommendations and contingency plan for the allocation of Fiscal Year 2022-23 CDBG Program **Capital** funds were approved as presented: City of Santa Maria ADA and Pedestrian Safety Project ($500,000); CommUnify ($75,000); Community Action Partnership of San Luis Obispo ($125,000); Good Samaritan Shelter ($383,093); and the Tenant Based Rental Assistance ($15,000).
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Escobedo. Motion carried. Absent: Councilmember Soto. 4-0.

Action: The Block Grants Advisory Committee's recommendations and contingency plan for the allocation of Fiscal Year 2022-23 CDBG Program **Public Service** funds were approved as presented: Foodbank ($20,000); Alliance for Pharmaceutical Access ($20,000); Santa Maria Valley Meals on Wheels ($20,000); Domestic Violence Solutions ($15,000); Good Samaritan Shelter ($20,000); Salvation Army ($19,175); Child Abuse Listening Mediation ($20,000); Family Service Agency ($15,000); North County Rape Crisis Center ($18,000); Catholic Charities ($20,000); and Good Samaritan Shelter Freedom Warming Center ($20,000).
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Escobedo. Motion carried. Absent: Councilmember Soto. 4-0.

Action: The Mayor and City Councilmembers in attendance made their designations of a total of $37,500 for Public Service programs.

Mayor Patino - $9,375 to Fighting Back Santa Maria Valley.

Councilmember Cordero - $9,375 to Fighting Back Santa Maria Valley.

Councilmember Escobedo - $9,375 to Independent Living Resource Center.

Councilmember Waterfield - $3,750 to Fighting Back Santa Maria Valley and $5,625 to Independent Living Resource Center.

Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Escobedo. Motion carried. Absent: Councilmember Soto. 4-0.

Action: The overall allocations and contingencies which make up the draft Fiscal Year 2022-23 CDBG draft Action Plan were approved as presented.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Escobedo. Motion carried. Absent: Councilmember Soto. 4-0.

B. **MEASURE "A" FIVE-YEAR LOCAL PROGRAM OF PROJECTS.** The City Council considered approving Measure "A" Five-Year Local Program of Projects for fiscal years 2022 through 2027.

Interim Director of Public Works Fulgoni gave a presentation as detailed in the Council Agenda Report. Various programs to be funded with Measure A funds include roadway maintenance; landscape maintenance, traffic safety, signage replacements, pavement delineation, street lighting, and traffic signal maintenance, at a cost range between $5,896,241 to $7,364,226 for FY 2022-27.

Alternative transportation (15 percent of funding) efforts will include: 1) maintenance and improvements to bike & pedestrian facilities, safe routes to school, and ADA Facilities; 2) Citywide sidewalk index, and 3) programs, education, and incentives to reduce single-occupant auto trips or transportation demand.

Public input
Mayor Patino opened the public hearing at 8:12 p.m. and, hearing no requests to speak, immediately closed the public hearing.

Action: Adopt a Resolution approving the Measure "A" Five-Year Local Program of Projects for fiscal years 2022-2023 through 2026-2027, and certifying that the City of Santa Maria will provide sufficient funding in the 2022-2023 budget to meet the Measure "A" Maintenance of Effort requirement.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Escobedo. Motion carried. Adopted as Resolution No. 2022-30. Absent: Councilmember Soto. 4-0.

5 REGULAR BUSINESS

A. **2022 HOUSING ELEMENT UPDATE.** The City Council received a presentation from the Community Development Department on the City of Santa Maria General Plan Housing Element Update. Director of Community Development Ng gave a presentation as detailed in the Council Agenda Report. The Housing Element cycles about every 8 years. The State calculates the statewide housing needs. For 2023-2031, the Regional Housing Needs Allocation indicates 24,856 housing units in the County of Santa Barbara. Santa Maria's share would be 5,418 units and up to 16,000 units by 2045. ADUs will count toward the allocation.

Public input
There were no requests to speak.

Mayor Patino and City Manager Stilwell agreed that Town Hall meetings in each district would be a good way to collect information as housing needs evolve in the City.

Action: The 2022 Housing Element Update was received and filed.

REPORT BY CITY MANAGER

City Manager Stilwell reported that the next regular City Council meeting would be April 19, 2022. Items on the agenda would include a feasibility study on updating the landscape lighting district, a public hearing on military equipment usage, a public hearing for TEFRA bonds for Centennial Square Apartments, and approval of the Local Roadway Safety Plan.

ORAL REPORTS OF COUNCILMEMBERS AND OFFICERS (INCLUDING AB1234 REPORTS)

Councilmember Cordero reported he attended a CCWA meeting.

Councilmember Waterfield had no reportable AB1234 items.

Councilmember Escobedo reported he attended a Human Trafficking Santa Maria presentation. He also invited everyone to join a Rotary Club Santa Maria South presentation on Monday, April 18th at the Santa Maria Inn at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Patino reported she attended the SBCAG and APCD monthly board meetings; a Project Opioid regional meeting in Buellton; a Marian Foundation Board of Directors meeting; an LCAP Collaboration Team meeting; a Human Trafficking presentation; and the 6th Annual Pinwheel for Child Abuse Awareness Month.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the City Council, Mayor Patino declared the City Council meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

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Approved at a regular meeting on April 19, 2022.

Rhonda M. White, CMC
Chief Deputy City Clerk and ex officio Clerk
of the City Council

ATTEST:

Rhonda M. White, CMC
Chief Deputy City Clerk

Alice M. Patino
Mayor of the City of Santa Maria